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SUBJ: CODEL INOUE

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1. WE ARE PLEASED WITH PROSPECTIVE VISIT TO JORDAN BY CODEL INOUE. I NOTE HOWEVER THAT CODEL HAS ONLY SCHEDULED A 5 1/2 HOUR VISIT TO JORDAN, WHICH, WITH TRANSIT TIME FROM AIRPORT, WOULD BE REDUCED TO FOUR HOURS IN AMMAN IF NOT LESS.

2. SUCH A SHORT STOP WOULD PERMIT ONLY A HURRIED LOOK AT JORDAN. PERHAPS MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, IT SERIOUSLY LIMITS THE KIND OF GRACIOUS RECEPTION THAT KING HUSSEIN AND THE JORDANIANS, FOR A VARIETY OF ARAB CULTURAL REASONS, FEEL IT THEIR DUTY TO ACCORD TO DISTINGUISHED GUESTS. THIS POINT HAS COME UP IN THE RECENT PAST WITH THE JORDANIANS AND WE BELIEVE IT IS WORTH DOING OUT UTMOST TO MINIMIZE THE POSSIBLE AFFRONT AND IRRITATION WHICH IS BOUND TO RESULT. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE INASMUCH AS THE JORDANIANS WILL LEARN THAT CODEL IS PLANNING A STAY OF 2 1/2 DAYS IN MOROCCO, 4 1/2 DAYS IN EGYPT AND 5 1/2 DAYS IN ISRAEL.

3. BEFORE APPROACHING JORDANIAN GOVERNMENT I WOULD RESPECTFULLY LIKE TO REQUEST THAT SENATOR INOUE AND HIS CODEL GIVE MOST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO LENGTHENING THEIR STAY HERE. I BELIEVE

AN OVERNIGHT, 24-HOUR STAY WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. IT WOULD PERMIT SOME APPROPRIATE EVENING ENTERTAINMENT AND SUFFICIENT TIME DURING THE DAY FOR MEETINGS WITH THE KING AND SENIOR JORDANIAN OFFICIALS AND PERHAPS EVEN A TRIP TO THE IMPRESSIVE ANTIQUITIES SITE AT JERASH (ONE HOUR DRIVE FROM AMMAN) FOR SOME OR ALL MEMBERS OF THE CODEL. THIS SCHEDULE COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY EARLY EVENING ARRIVAL IN AMMAN ON JANUARY 23 FROM EGYPT OR ALTERNATIVELY BY OVERNIGHTING IN AMMAN JANUARY 24 WITH MORNING DEPARTURE JANUARY 25 FOR ISRAEL.

4. JORDANIANS AND PARTICULARLY KING HUSSEIN ARE AWARE OF CODEL'S IMPORTANCE AND OF ITS KEY ROLE WITH REGARD TO FOREIGN ASSISTANCE AND WOULD PROBABLY STILL TRY TO PROVIDE USUAL WARM RECEPTION FOR CODEL, EVEN FOR CURRENTLY SCHEDULED LIGHTNING VISIT. BUT WE CAN BEST AVOID RISK OF SERIOUSLY BRUISED FEELINGS AND A PERSONAL HURT ON PART OF LEADERSHIP HERE AND INSURE MORE FRUITFUL VISIT FOR ALL CONCERNED BY LENGTHENING STAY. I WILL AWAIT YOUR REPLY BEFORE DISCUSSING VISIT WITH JORDANIANS.
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